

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 546
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard "Rick" L. Edens,
Sr., of Washington County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard "Rick" L. Edens, Sr.,; and

WHEREAS, Rick Edens was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edens served with acumen and alacrity as a mechanical contractor and a car salesman; he also served as the Washington County Commissioner for many years, in which position he earned the respect of the community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a loving Christian, Rick Edens was an active and devout member of the New Victory Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years working in numerous ministries; and

WHEREAS, committed to helping his fellow man, Mr. Edens served on the jail expansion and work release program, and he was a member and past President of the Board of Directors of the Johnson City Power Board and a member and past President of the Telford Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Edens was voted Man of the Year on two separate occasions; he was also an avid golfer; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Rick Edens always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edens was preceded in death by his parents, David Elmer and Mary Alice Roberson Edens and his two brothers, Jeffery Frank Edens and David Elmer Edens, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Rick Edens is survived by his loving wife of forty-two years, Judy Markwood Edens; two sons, Daniel David Edens and wife Kelly, and Richard Lee Edens, Jr., and wife Rhonda; his four precious grandchildren, Josh Edens, Sarah Edens, Jordan Edens, and Adam Edens; two brothers James Edward Edens and Terry Lane Edens; two sisters, Rita Holt and Janie Campbell; several nieces and nephews and two special family members, Mark and Sharon Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, Rick Edens leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Richard "Rick" L. Edens, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Edens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.